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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Advisory Action mailed May 15, 2009 maintaining the final rejection of the claims, and in lieu of filing an Appeal Brief in connection with the Notice of Appeal filed May 4, 2009, please enter for consideration the comments herein with the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith for the above-identified U.S. patent application. Applicants also submit a Petition for a two-month Extension of Time, and the requisite fees based on small entity status:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.